

Hayes thrashed

Hayes 0, Wycombe Wanderers 1

HAYES were thrashed — yes thrashed — 1-0 to lose their unbeaten Berger Isthmian League record at Church Road last Tuesday.

The only surprise of the evening was that the Wycombe goal did not come until the 80th minute of a game which the Bucks side totally dominated and had they won 3-0 Hayes could not have complained.

Defeat apart, what should also be worrying Hayes is that substitute Gordon Bartlett became the fifth Hayes player in only seven league games to be booked and the club's chances of taking a share in the sportsmanship pay-out at the end of the season are fast vanishing.

The only goal of the match came from Steve Hardwick who backheaded John Priestley's long throw past goalkeeper Alan Jarrett.

Wycombe almost took the lead in the 16th minute when Reg Leather fouled Mick

Holifield, the referee awarded a free kick outside the area with Wycombe claiming a penalty, and Jarrett was forced to make a good diving save at the foot of the post from Alan Phillip's header.

Jarrett saved again from Bob Davies after a good Wycombe build-up and as the visitors continued to dominate Jarrett twice failed to take the ball in a melee and the ball was finally cleared off the line by a colleague.

Harris and Holifield should have done better when presented with a good chance by Priestley's centre but Alan Carrington was able to turn the ball away for a corner.

Then, on the stroke of half time, Hayes had by far their best chance when Gary Gilbert headed on a centre and Terry Brown's header was kicked off the line by Steve Hardwick.

Hayes: Jarrett, Carrington, Akers, Craker, Leather, Yerby, Nelson, Wiles (Bartlett), Gilbert, Brown, McGovern.